

DHS OEC Launches Mobile Apps for CASM

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) launched two new mobile applications to support its Communications Assets Survey and Mapping (CASM) tool, which allows users to inventory, share and plan use of emergency communications capabilities. The Public Safety Library mobile app and the CASM Mobile Finder App are secure, free tools for public-safety users.

CASM provides a single database to manage information about public-safety agencies, communications assets and personnel, including information about who owns and uses assets, the location of assets and the relevant points of contact. Further, the tool offers a method to find, filter, display, manage, share, and report the data, and standardizes information and data relationships nationwide in a common interface for all users.

PS Library is a cloud-based service providing access to a variety of public-safety reference resources, including statewide communication interoperability plans (SCIPs), tactical interoperable communications plans (TICP), field operations guides and standard operating procedures. Users can remotely store and access the latest version of public-safety materials, upload and download files in a variety of formats, password protect files and receive notifications when newer versions of files are published.

The Mobile Finder App enables users to locate mobile assets in the field and access the latest information for gateways, radio caches and mobile communications units. The app's features improve public-safety incident response and interoperability planning with map and location-based capabilities such as device tracking, location sharing, and geographic terrain and landmark information.

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